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7/31/02**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : NICKEL, Oliver ✓  
SERIAL NO. : 09/431,849 ✓  
FILED : 2 NOVEMBER 1999 ✓  
FOR : MASKING STRIP AND USE THEREOF ✓  
ART UNIT : 1774 ✓  
EXAMINER : Lawrence D. Ferguson ✓

30 July 2002

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 10 April 2002, please accept the following request for reconsideration.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.